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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the Matter of:

In the U.S. National Phase Entry  
Under 35 USC 371 from  
International Application of  
ASHTON, Kevin John  
Int'l. Application No. PCT/US00/11304  
Filed in the RO/US on 27 April 2000  
Entitled: *Storage System*

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.112**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to Examination and computation of the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase, please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following Remarks.

**AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

4. A storage system according to Claim 3, wherein one or more of the supports includes an electronic character display.
5. A storage system according to Claim 1, wherein the supports comprise shelves.
6. An inventory control system including a storage system according to Claim 5, and a data processing unit arranged to receive information the sensor or sensors.
8. An inventory control system according to claim 7, including software to analyse the level of stock of items on individual shelves and provide a signal indicative of the requirement for replenishment of the items when the number of items falls below a pre-determined threshold level.